



## MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

October 27, 2009

Dear Healthcare Provider,

**Antiviral medication is now available for uninsured and underinsured patients.**

The Mississippi State Department of Health has entered into agreements with selected pharmacies to help distribute antiviral medication to patients who cannot otherwise afford it. The antivirals, oseltamivir (Tamiflu®) and zanamivir (Relenza®) are from the state and federal stockpile and are intended for uninsured or underinsured patients.

For your patient to receive these free antivirals they must bring two items from you to one of the pharmacies on the attached list. These items are:

- A prescription for the medication.
- A signed copy of the attached form indicating the therapeutic category for the medication. (Reporting of therapeutic category is a requirement of the federal government, since the antivirals were purchased under federal contract.)

At the pharmacy, the patient will be required to sign a form attesting that they cannot pay. The pharmacy will then dispense the medication.

If you have any questions about this program please consult our web site at [www.healthymms.com](http://www.healthymms.com) or call us at 601 576-7680.

Sincerely,

Mary Currier, MD, MPH  
State Epidemiologist